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Monarch Theatre

COMING ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13
TOM MIX, IN
"CUPID'S ROUNDUP"
A Thrilling Story of the West.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14
PEARL WHITE, IN
"House of Hate".....16th Episode
LONESOME LUKE, in a 2-reel Comedy—"BIRDS OF A FEATHER".

MONDAY, SEPT. 16
MADGE EVANS and HENRY HULL
in
"THE VOLUNTEER"
You will enjoy this!

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17
"THE GARDEN OF ALLAH"
A Picture Worth While

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18
"OLD HART WELL'S CLUB"
5-Reel Drama.
"DOG CATCHER'S LOVE"
2-Reel Comedy.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19
"GAME OF WITS"
5-Reel Drama.
"MISS CINDERELLA"
1-Reel Comedy.

First Show Begins at 8:15 P. M.

Admission: Children over 6 under 12, 10c; adults 15c.

Fourth Liberty Loan

STARTS

Sept. 28th

Get Ready!

CROSS ROADS

Miss Robbie Barron, who has been staying at Mine La Motte, returned to her home here last Sunday.

The school here is progressing nicely with Miss Welty as teacher. The enrollment is 34.

Nellie Tesreau spent Friday evening at the home of Wm. Lenz.

Mrs. A. M. Wallace returned to Libertyville Saturday, after spending several days with her sister here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lenz and daughter, Miss Doda, were shopping in Fredericktown last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green and family of Mine La Motte were in this vicinity last Sunday.

Homer Presnell of Libertyville was a business visitor here Saturday.

James Ferguson, who is building a new house, gave a working Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lewis of Libertyville were in this community Sunday.

Miss Mabel Barron spent one evening the past week with Dora Lenz.

Leon Womack and daughters of Womack passed through here Friday en route to Fredericktown.

A. C. Wilkison was a business visitor at Mine La Motte last Friday.

Will Kiepe of Libertyville was here on business one day last week.

A fire at the home of Ivy Sides, on West College avenue, Tuesday at noon, did considerable damage to the kitchen and kitchen furnishings. A pile of kindling was on the floor near the stove and it is supposed that a spark from the stove ignited it, as considerable blaze had started when Mrs. Sides discovered it. An alarm was turned in and by quick work by neighbors, together with the fire department, the flames were stopped.

DR. R. E. WALSH DENTIST

Farmington, Realty Bldg. Phone 111. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Flat River—Phone 572.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Better Dental Work; Painless Extractions.

New Subscribers

Despite the fact that The Times management was convinced that it had gotten on its subscription list practically all the good people of St. Francois county during the late most successful automobile subscription contest, nevertheless, new subscribers continue to come in, with apparently no diminishment in numbers, though we have recently neglected to make mention of new subscriptions that have been received. The following new ones are for the past week:

W. H. Morris and Ed. T. Noland of Farmington, L. S. Simpson, J. H. Kirkland and F. E. Boyd of Flat River; Mrs. M. J. Hubbard of Esther; Eli Mayor of Desloge; J. W. Warren of Leadwood; Myrtle R. Pratte of Baxter Springs, Kan.; J. B. Allen of Hilderbrand, Mo.; J. J. Brady of St. Louis; W. L. Hunt of Washington, D. C.

COUNTY COURT

The proceedings of the County Court continued from the last issue of The Times:

Frank S. Schaffer and D. J. Courtois ordered released from road work for 1918.

W. E. Bearden resigns as Justice of the Peace of Randolph township and resignation accepted by Court. G. W. Conway appointed to fill his place.

Tour of inspection made of roads and bridges near Bonne Terre and French Village.

B. R. Thurman granted pool table license to operate in Bonne Terre.

Warrants

St. Louis Bindery Co., supplies, \$124.56; Standard Printing Co., supplies, \$10.14; Thos. H. Holman, salary and expenses, \$217.60; Kora L. McCrorey, services primary election, \$7; W. T. O'Neal, hall rent primary election, etc., \$10; Hugh Stephens Printing Co., stationery, \$3.32; G. H. Middlecamp, support inmates at Mt. Vernon Sanatorium, \$42.16; H. C. Mell, supplies, \$17.95; Harman & Herbst, supplies, \$8; Economy Cash Shoe Store, supplies, \$6; K. C. Weber, postage, etc., \$12; Bonne Terre Pharmacy Co., supplies, \$11.70; Jerusha Poston, support Halford Poston at Fulton School for Deaf and Dumb, \$7; Mode Coffman, taking John Hoose to Bonne Terre Hospital, \$4; George Turner, services primary election, \$9; Henderson Store Co., supplies, \$35.89; Schramm Bottling and Ice Mfg. Co., \$18; Meyer & Rickus, supplies, \$6.75; City Drug Store, supplies, \$3.80; Schramm Bottling and Ice Mfg. Co., \$24; C. R. Black, services primary election, \$42; Waters Press, stationery, \$5.52; C. I. Garrett, four days services and mileage, \$21.75; F. M. Matkin, same, \$20.70; W. A. Mitchell, same, \$20.70; C. H. Adams, four days attendance on Court and trip to State Hospital No. 4, \$10; W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., supplies, \$17.38; Samuel F. Meyerson Co., supplies, \$43.90; Geo. Sutherland, night watchman, \$2; Albert Wulfer, stamps and express, \$13.66; E. L. Higgins Drug Co., supplies, \$4.50; F. H. Best, crushed rock, \$94.96; Thos. H. Holman, road improvement, \$1,000; Thos. H. Holman, same, \$2,000; H. M. O'Bannon, postage, \$3.47.

THE BEST MANAGED INSTITUTION IN STATE

Such is Opinion of State Auditing Committee, After Thorough Inspection of State Hospital No. 4

The report of the State Auditing Committee, composed of Messrs. J. Bartholmew, L. D. Thompson and O. L. Caulfield, on the condition of State Hospital No. 4, brief mention of which was made in The Times last week, contains a far more glowing attribute to the management of that excellent institution than time or space permitted us to give last week. Such report was made after the Auditing Committee had spent ten days inspecting the books, as well as the general management, of that institution.

In the first place, the Auditing Committee were in need of rest when they reached Hospital No. 4, and it seemed to them providential that it should be the last of the twenty-four State eleemosynary institutions which they had to inspect, as they found everything there conducive to rest and recreation for body and mind. Reaching there after a somewhat trying visit to twenty-three other State institutions, in everyone of which they encountered troubles of one sort and another, caused either from mismanagement or lack of harmony on the part of those in charge, it was a positive delight to the members of such committee to visit State Hospital No. 4, where they were free to state, the very atmosphere of the place they found to be entirely different from every other institution in the State.

Here they not only found complete harmony between Superintendent Eaton and his corps of assistants, but complete friendship and cordiality was everywhere apparent. The Auditing Committee at once saw that it was just the kind of a "rest cure" of which they were in great need, after the "strenuousness" which they had been forced to combat during their entire round of "checking up" all of the other State institutions. Of course some were worse than others, but none of them, according to the members of such committee, were in the same class with State Hospital No. 4, where existing conditions were pronounced by them to be ideal.

The committee report, which has been submitted to Governor Gardner, shows State Hospital No. 4 to be in

a class by itself in at least the following points of merit:

It is the only State institution that has not incurred debts.

It is the only State institution that daily, in every department, practices economy and conservation.

It is an institution where the books in every department balance.

It is the only State institution where complete harmony and active co-operation exist among its officers.

Such very exceptional points of vantage have been officially discovered and made subject matter of the official report only after a careful and painstaking examination by the State Auditing Committee, consequently there is not the slightest chance for error in its correctness.

This commendable, remarkable and most unusual condition has been made possible by a conservative Board of Managers, composed of business men, together with a hospital staff of really exceptional ability, the personnel of which all appear to be ready and willing to lose sight of their importance in any general good they may be able to confer upon the institution and its dependent inmates. In other words, they appear to be always willing and ready to sacrifice self for the good of suffering humanity.

A superintendent of marked executive ability, splendid professional attainments, good financial judgment and tactful energy has been the prime factor in placing State Hospital No. 4 in the fore-front of the State eleemosynary institutions, from which all other in the future should be forced to copy.

It is a proud—a splendid position—State Hospital No. 4 has honestly and fairly won, and Superintendent Eaton and his corps of able assistants are not only entitled to the thanks of the tax-payers of the entire State, but are entitled to the congratulations of all, and especially of all citizens of Farmington and vicinity, who are in a position to observe more closely the constant and splendid progress going on there. Farmington is pleased to be the home of this institution, which is now "setting the pace" for all other State institutions.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

The Farmington Public Schools opened Monday morning with an excellent enrollment and unusual interest. Within a few minutes after the opening of school all departments were at work very much as if school had been in session for a week or more.

The enrollment for the opening day was as follows:

High School Department.....	124
Grade Rooms, H. S. building.....	184
Washington School.....	223
Jefferson School.....	245
Douglas School.....	51

Total.....827

The Assembly Period in the High School on Monday morning was attended by Mrs. O. W. Bleck and Messrs. J. B. Burks, B. H. Marbury and J. K. Jones. Each one brought the High School an interesting and inspiring message, and will be doubly welcome in the future.

Mrs. Rider of the Jefferson School was detained in St. Louis over Monday on account of the delayed arrival of her son who was expected to meet her in St. Louis on Saturday. Mrs. Merrifield Huff had charge of Mrs. Rider's room and organized it very effectively on the opening day.

Miss Chenault was also unavoidably detained in Cape Girardeau and her work is being taken care of by Mrs. Wm. Harlan, former teacher of her experience. All other teachers reported for duty on the opening morning.

Most parents were very prompt in the enrollment of their children on the first day of school. A few, however, failed to catch the spirit and allowed their children to come in a day late. By far the greatest factor in the cause of school failures is irregular attendance. But few pupils can keep up the regular course for any considerable time unless they remain constantly in school. Let the motto of Farmington patrons this year be, "Keep the children in school, and on time, every day in the year." Just a few thoughtless parents kept some of their children out of school as much as a day early in the week and thus broke the record of those children for "Perfect Attendance," at the very beginning of the year. This is, indeed, very unfortunate. Nothing so inspires a child to remain constantly in school as a "Perfect Record" for the year. Parents should think twice, yes, three times, or even a dozen times before they cause a child to break his perfect attendance record. Teachers and the school management very much appreciate the habit some parents have of calling in and notifying the teacher, principal, or superintendent of the unavoidable absence of their children. It shows a good healthy school sentiment on the part of the parents. Let the custom become universal.

The Farmington papers will give, from week to week, the standing of the different rooms in attendance. It is hoped that parents will take a keen interest in having the rooms in which their children are attending at the head of the list. It is also hoped that

here will be just as keen an interest in keeping the general average of their particular ward ahead in the contest. Talk this with your children and with your neighbors. Let everybody in Farmington help every day and we shall make a great record.

Violators Drawing Heavy Penalties

Sid Davis and Ida Wilfond were arrested in Flat River Friday, charged with lewd and lascivious conduct. They were arraigned before Justice of the Peace T. W. Martin. Prosecuting Attorney Thos. A. Mathews appeared for the State, while the defendants were represented by I. N. Threlkeld, of Elvins. The arrests were made by Sam Doss, constable at Desloge.

It was a jury trial, and after all the evidence was in a verdict of guilty was arrived at, and punishment was fixed at \$50 fine and 30 days in jail for each of the guilty parties.

On the same day Sam Doss also arrested Golda Black of Desloge. The charge against her was of operating and conducting a bawdy house at Cantwell, near Desloge, in St. Francois county. The case came before Justice of the Peace W. F. Arnold at Desloge. The defendant entered a plea of guilty, and punishment was fixed at 60 days in jail and a fine of \$50.

Another woman, a consort of Golda Black, made her escape after being appraised of her companion's arrest. But with Sam Doss on her trail there is every assurance that she will soon be apprehended. There has been entirely too much of this species of lawlessness for some time past, especially in the Lead Belt, and the quicker all such law breakers are brought into court and given punishment that will make them realize that they are amenable to the law, the more satisfactory it will be to all respectable and law-abiding citizens.

OLD CITIZEN DIES

The death of Frank Hill occurred last Friday in St. Louis, where he had recently been making his home. The body was brought to Bonne Terre Saturday for interment. Five children are left to mourn his loss, four daughters and one son. Two of the daughters are married, being Mrs. Comans of St. Francois, and Mrs. Chas. Schwartz, of Miami, Okla.

Mr. Hill was an old citizen of St. Francois county, and was for many years in business in Bonne Terre. He was a splendid citizen, being honored and respected by all who knew him. A number of years ago he sold considerable valuable lands to mining companies in the Lead Belt, and for the past several years he has been retired from active business.

O. J. Mayberry was a business visitor to St. Louis the last of the week.

Vigilant Officials

The following extracts from a letter written by Prosecuting Attorney Thos. A. Mathews, who is acting as Government Appeal Agent for St. Francois county, to County Food Administrator J. H. Tetley, of this city, indicates that both these officials have their eyes wide open and are giving to the government the very best possible service. Accompanying the letter were a number of affidavits to uphold the facts as stated in the letter:

"The statements herewith enclosed were taken by me while investigating made by William Neibecker, a merchant at Leadwood, Mo., and while there I was informed by several foreigners that he had been selling sugar in 100-pound quantities to all who might apply for same.

"I naturally investigated the matter, and found at the home of Alex Grasco, 80 pounds of sugar. He has 8 boarders, 6 children, himself and wife.

"At the home of Geo. Pelasko we found 40 pounds of sugar. He has a wife, 3 children and 1 boarder.

"At the home of Frank Sestick we found they had 60 pounds of sugar. He has a wife, 2 children and 5 boarders.

"Wm. Neibecker has in his possession 600 pounds of sugar. I asked him whether or not he kept a list of the respective parties who purchased sugar from him from day to day, so that the limited allotment or allowance would not be exceeded by people who were trading with him. He told me, in the presence of his wife, that they never kept a record of that kind. It seems that the sugar was purchased of L. Koehn, of 1014 N. 7th St., St. Louis, Mo.

"These are facts I happened to run on in a casual way while investigating the disloyal remarks made by Wm. Neibecker, and I think this matter should be investigated and taken up with the foreigners in and about Leadwood, who are not observing the Food Administration Rules and Regulations."

According to the latest reports The Times has received, Neibecker had not been arrested, but he will doubtless be dealt with soon in accordance with the law in the case.

On the same trip Prosecuting Attorney Mathews also secured the names of two foreigners, living in Leadwood, who are now designated as deserters. They had left this county just about the time the last notices of induction into war service had been sent out, going to Granite City, Ill. They returned, however, when they imagined the coast was clear, and were again at their old home.

The County Prosecutor acquainted Sheriff Adams with what he had discovered, and Deputy Sheriff Tom Brown went out and arrested the two men, whose names are Frank Sank and Frank Shutski. They were held in jail here until yesterday, when they were taken to Jefferson Barracks, where Justice will be meted out to them. There appears to be quite a nest of slackers and Huns in Leadwood and community.

Miss Bertha Spough, who spent her summer vacation here with her mother, Mrs. E. L. Spough, returned Sunday to St. Louis. She has been re-employed in the Webster Groves public schools at an increase in salary.

Fourth Liberty Loan

STARTS

Sept. 28th

Get Ready!

Italian Murdered

Ralph Nero, a young, unmarried Italian, was found dead about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, in the rear of the Miners Lumber Co. in Flat River. The body was discovered by Carvill Turner, who is mule feeder for the Doe Run Lead Co. He immediately notified Henry Rinke, who in turn notified Prosecuting Attorney Mathews and Coroner Prather. The body was ordered taken to the Rinke undertaking rooms. A coroner's jury was empaneled the same morning, sworn in over the body, and an inquest was held yesterday afternoon, the results of which The Times has not yet been able to get.

Immediately after finding the body it was examined by Prosecuting Attorney Mathews and Henry Rinke. The fatal bullet was found to have entered the back of the head, ranging upward, as though the murderer had been sitting or lying down under concealment near where the murdered man passed. They also found in the bosom of the murdered man a 32-caliber revolver, while in a breeches pocket was a bowie knife. There was also a watch on the body, and in his purse was found \$3 in currency and 40 cents in change, which indicates that robbery was not the motive for the crime. There were no indications at the scene of the crime to indicate any struggle, which signified that the killing was instantaneous as well as cold-blooded. The murdered man was a good dresser, made a good appearance, and appeared to hold himself rather aloof from his own countrymen, which possibly furnishes the motive for the crime, as his own countrymen appeared to resent his apparent aloofness, which may have aroused enviousness and malice to the extent of murder. That the murdered man must have feared foul play was also indicated by his being twice armed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Sept. 6—Wayman Chappell, of Coffman, Ste. Genevieve county, and Connie Wilkins, of Farmington.

Sept. 7—Ed. H. Greene, of Flat River, and Helen J. Nichols, of Beaver City, Neb.

Sept. 9—Jas. Deweese and Oma Edington, both of Leadwood.

Many friends of Harry Higley will be sorry to learn that he is quite seriously ill at his home in this city.



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